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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Re: Microsoft settlement

Dear Sirs:

Under the provisions of the Tunney Act, I respectfully ask that my comments, outlined below, be considered by the court before finalization of the settlement of the Microsoft Anti-Trust Case.

The proposed settlement is, in my opinion, a travesty. In order for there to be even a semblance of justice, a proper settlement must:

1. Provide redress to the companies whose software innovation has been denied access to markets by the continuing illegal monopolistic practices of the Microsoft corporation. It is actually frightening to consider all the innovations the computing public will never have because these companies have been denied access to the markets. Not only can their existing products not get to us, but they have been denied the resources to develop additional products that probably would be far superior to the Microsoft products so vulnerable to viruses that we use today.

2. Require restructuring of Microsoft Corporation and require restraints on the resulting companies to effectively deny their ability to achieve the same result yet another time, and provide ALL companies equal and open access to all their products' interfaces and formats.

3. Provide severe punitive economic sanctions to discourage and prevent such an outrageous corporate injury to the free market enterprise in the United States of America from ever happening again.

Sincerely,

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